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**COMMISSION FOR
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STAFF REPORT

February 12, 2019

REQUEST: Review National Register nomination as Certified Local Government

ADDRESS: Morgan Park Historic District

RECOMMENDATION: Concur that the nomination meets National Register Criteria.

- A: Property is associated with the events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant to our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

STAFF: Walter Edward Leon

PETITIONER/OWNER: Maryland Historical Trust

ANALYSIS:

The district is significant under Criterion A because it was the first planned single family suburban community exclusively built for Baltimore's African-American community in 1917 when other suburban communities were closed to minorities. It is also significant to Baltimore African-American history as many middle and upper class professionals desire to settle in this suburban setting. The district is significant under Criterion B for many notable residents including W.E.B. Du Bois and Carl Murphy. The district is also significant under Criterion C because the architecture reflects the popular residential styles of successive eras including some of the Modern period.